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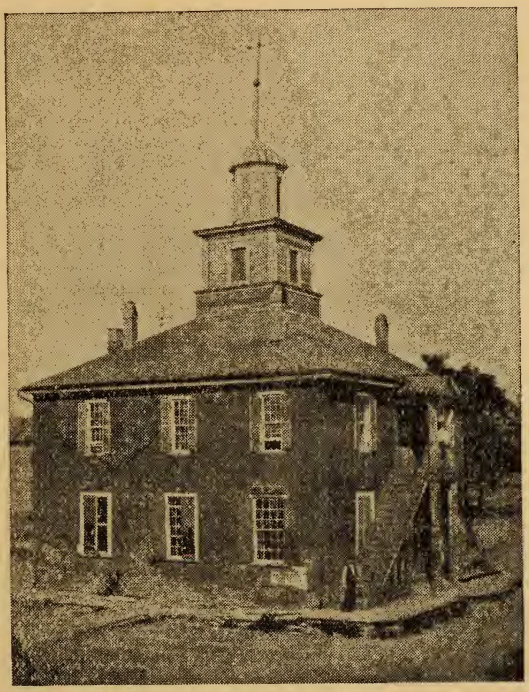

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An oil painting by Robert Root of Shelbyville, depicting the famous slavery debate between Abraham Lincoln and Judge Anthony Thornton in the old Shelby county court house in 1856, has been unveiled at Shelbyville.

The picture was reproduced by the artist from actual photographs of the men who attended the debate. It is eight and one-half feet by six and one-half feet in size, The faces of all those who attended the famous debate can be seen. The unveiling exercises were held in the auditorium of the high school at Shelbyville.

Former State Senator Chafee presided over the meeting, Col. D. C. Smith of Normal and Rev. J. L. Douthit, both of whom heard the debate, were present at the exercises.

About 500 persons attended the meeting.—Illinois State Register.

The picture shows life-like portraits of Abraham Lincoln and Judge Anthony Thornton. Lincoln is seen standing in the act of delivering his speech. Judge Thornton is seated at the opposite side of a table, evidently weighing the words of the speaker. In the background are seen the exact likenesses of many of the well known residents of Shelby county of that day. The painting is remarkable for its historieal correctness and finish. It is by far the most pretentious work ever undertaken by Mr, Root, several years being spent in the portraits, data, and the reproduction of them on canvas. It is a valuable historical asset for Shelbyville and Shelby county and steps should be taken at once to keep it here for the benefit of future generations.—Shelbyville Daily Union.

Mr. Thornton and Mr. Lincoln agreed to hold a public debate in the court house, at Shelbyville, June 15, 1856. The news of the coming debate between these two men was sent out over the country and a great crowd assembled to hear them. It is this scene that Mr. Root has depicted in one of the most life-like paintings I ever saw. Mr, Root has been ten years painting the picture, and it is a wonderful production. Shelby county will probably secure the picture and hang it in the court house in Shelbyville, but it is worthy of a place in the state's great historical collections.—Judge T. M. Jett, in Hillsboro News.